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1. Stettin

a. Docks

1) The concrete dock is in excellent condition. Four ships were berthed there, each ship being between 2,200-2,500 tons.

2) The grain dock, which is in good condition, is approximately 600 feet in length and is constructed of reinforced concrete. The depth of the water is less than 19 feet. The grain elevator is also in good condition; it has an estimated capacity of 20,000 tons. At each side of the elevator is a crane, which is probably used to change the spouts. Only one ship could be loaded at one time because only two of the six spouts were in use.

b. Loading

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1) One ship took on 2,160 tons of coal.

A 5-ton shovel was used for loading. One switch locomotive was used to shunt the cars; in addition, the cars were shifted by means of an electric motor and cables.

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2) A second ship took on 1,250 tons of grain. This required 31 hours, although the normal time for such loading is only 17 hours. A third ship taking on grain loaded 1,250 tons in 22 hours. This work was performed entirely by men.

c. Shipping

1) 58 vessels were in Stettin harbor either loading cargo or waiting to load. Most of the vessels were Scandinavian, but two Soviet ships, being 2,000 and 6,000 tons, were observed. The 6,000-ton vessel was still equipped with gun mountings, although it was not armed. On the next day, its cargo, probably the coal, was on fire.

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2) [] a number of small naval craft of unknown type and tonnage were observed. Among them was a minesweeper of unknown tonnage and with a wooden hull; it appeared to be of British construction. 50X1-HUM

3) [] a Soviet destroyer of the Tuciliere type was seen. It had one stack and a comparatively long afterdeck on which were placed two red-painted objects that resembled torpedoes. 50X1-HUM

4) Shipping in the harbor can be carried out during the entire 24 hours.

c. Air Activities

1) [] a twin-engine passenger plane flew over the harbor from a westerly direction at an approximate height of 750 feet. 50X1-HUM

2) A biplane of ancient design [] was observed flying over the harbor. 50X1-HUM

2. Swinemunde

a. [] 12 or 13 naval craft were in the basin east of Swinemunde. They appeared to be the T-301 type, although their stacks were set at a more acute angle to the deck. 50X1-HUM

[] The vessels were armed with two 37-mm guns, one on the foredeck and the other on the afterdeck. Five or six smoke bombs measuring about 150 mm in diameter were lying along the railings of each vessel. Other craft of the T-301 type were noticed further up the channel. 50X1-HUM

b. Forty to fifty small patrol vessels, which were almost complete wrecks, were drawn up on shore.

c. Opposite the grain elevator is a floating drydock, which appears large enough to accommodate vessels up to 800 tons. A watchtower is located east of Swinemunde.

d. [] the following vessels were seen in the harbor: 50X1-HUM

1) One vessel of the Leningrad class [] 50X1-HUM

2) Twelve vessels of the T-300 type. [] all of them appeared ready to go to sea.

3) Fifteen to twenty craft of a type smaller than the MTB; they were painted blue, had wooden hulls, and were not manned.

4) Twenty craft, approximately 50 feet in length, with steel hulls.

5) One large icebreaker, with two stacks and twin screws.

6) One small submarine, possibly of the one-man type and painted red.

7) An undetermined number of mine-laying vessels.

e. A new concrete pier for coal ships has been built.

f. A large store of former German war material was seen on the western bank of the channel.

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